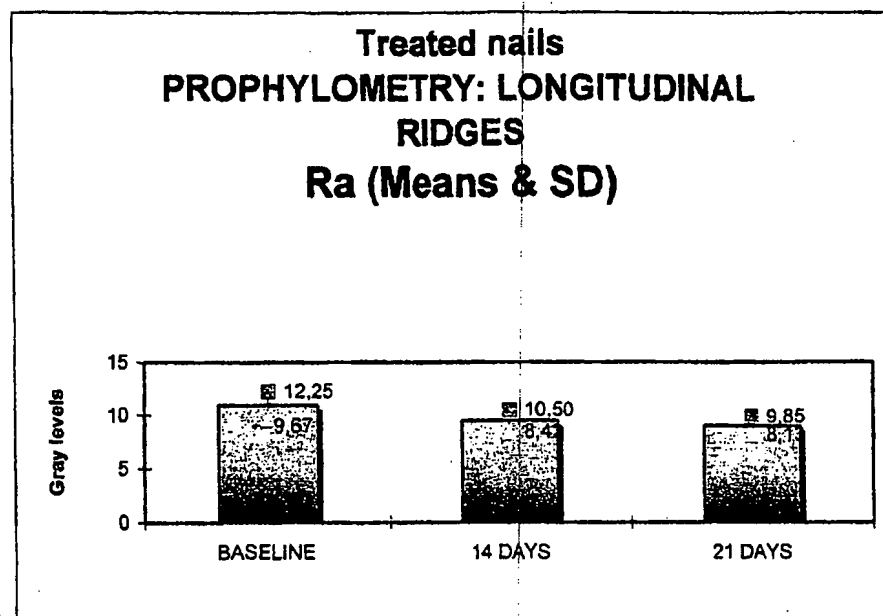
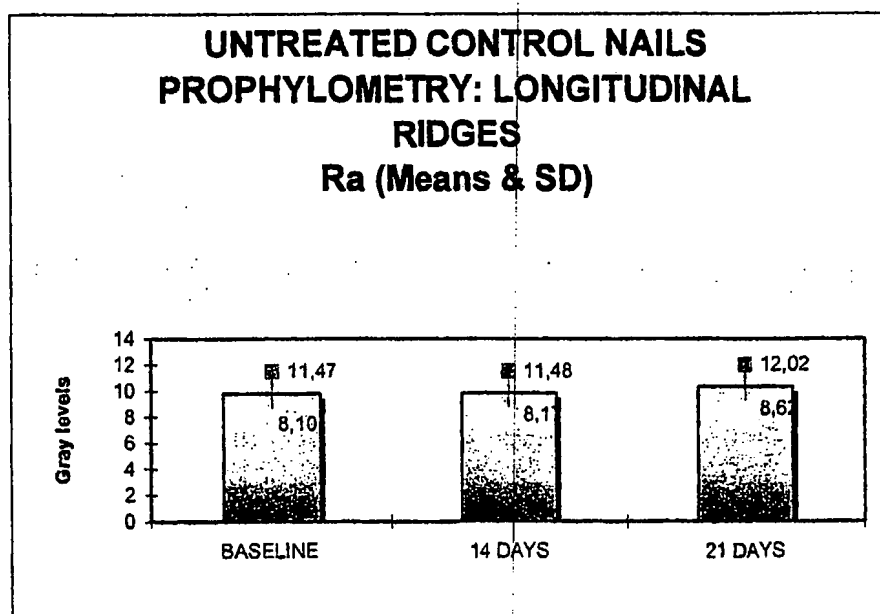


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Figure 1 - Prophylometry assessment of longitudinal sulci
(a) on treated nails (14 days vs baseline $p < 0.01$ - 21 days vs baseline $p < 0.001$); (b) on untreated controls (not significant)



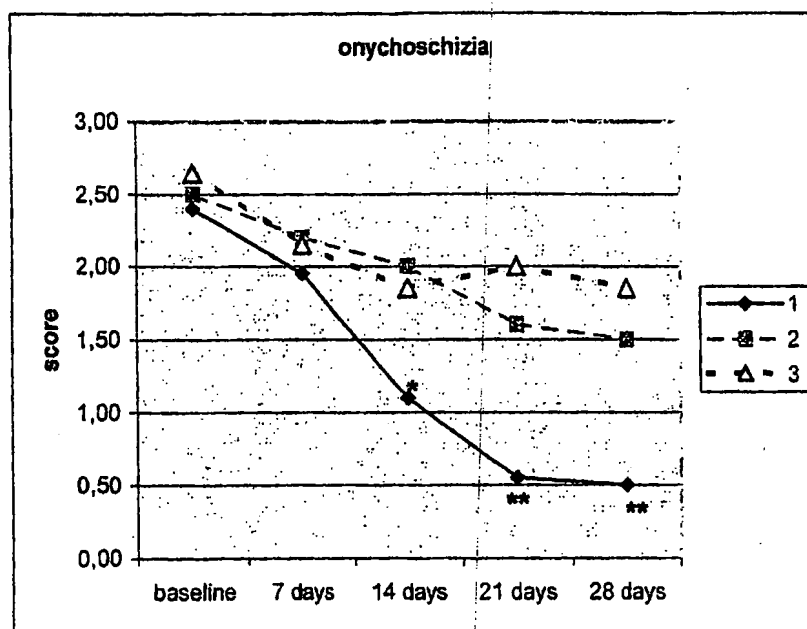
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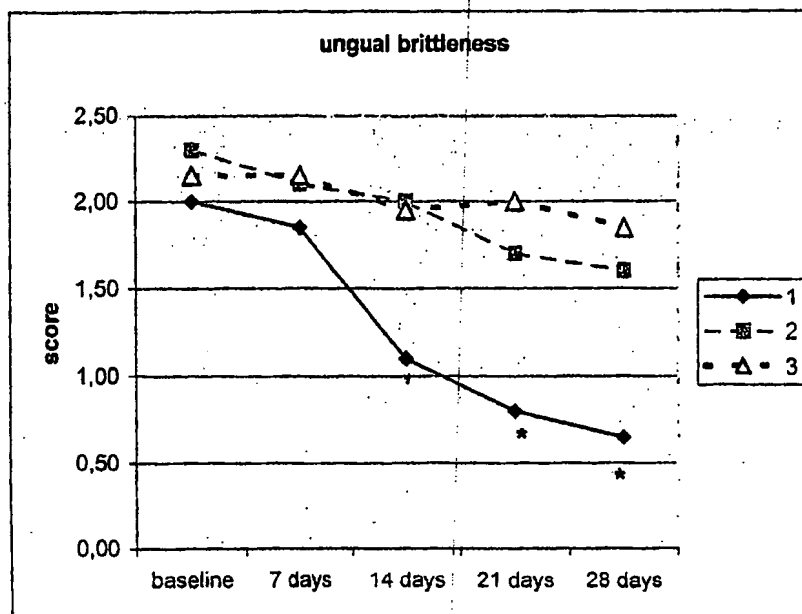
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Figure 2 - Time course of onychoschizia (a) and of ungual brittleness (b) during treatment with the composition according to the Example 1 (group 1), a composition like that indicated in Example 1, without hydroxypropyl chitosan (group 2), and a composition like that indicated in Example 1, without Equisetum herb extract (group 3). * $p < 0.05$; ** $p < 0.01$ between treatments.



(a)



(b)